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Applicant(s): Sadahiko YAMAOKA, et al.

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Sir:

Further to the Final Office Action mailed on November 7, 2005, prior to review on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for two-month extension of time are being filed concurrently herewith.

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